

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

News on the Beal Front: [March 22, 2016](#)

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A note from the Principal

Although March came in like a lamb and is going out like a lion we now set our sights on Opening Day in baseball, which to me signifies the true start to spring. We're getting through the busy push of March with an unexpected snow day, preparations for Beal Family Dinner this Thursday, and the start of the final trimester of school! The last twelve weeks of school at Beal signifies to me the work hard, play hard, love hard approach that we've taken all year. The last twelve weeks is a time of great work, as the academic rigor increases even more and the students amaze us with how much they have grown. The last twelve weeks is a time of great fun and play as we plan for consistent outdoor recess and prepare for end-of-year activities such as field day. The last twelve weeks is a time of great love and appreciation of those who we have spent our first or second year of education with, and say our goodbye's until next year or next time we see each other. As the saying goes in the teaching field: just when we get them where we want them, they move on and we have to start all over next fall. This is the Sisyphean reality of the teaching environment; let's enjoy the final twelve weeks of school... Happy Easter and end to the Lenten season for those who celebrate.

Sincerely,

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2. Beal Family Dinner

We're looking forward to seeing many of you this Thursday at the Beal Family Dinner! Please note that we are not sending dinner or raffle tickets home in your child's backpack. When you get the High School there will be a check-in area. Your name will be on a list and that is how you will gain admission to the dinner. If you paid for raffle tickets, they will be waiting for you in an envelope. Also of special note: if you want to purchase more raffle tickets, they will be available for purchase for most of the evening. As a reminder, the first seating will run from 5:15 to 6:15 pm, and the second seating will run from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The High School is located at 64 Holden Street in Shrewsbury. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you soon!

3. April tuition

Full-day kindergarten tuition for the month of April is quickly approaching. Tuition is payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools and can be dropped off at the Beal office or mailed to: Beal Early Childhood Center, 1 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Please do not send checks to school in your child's back pack.

4. Trimester 2 report cards

Trimester 2 report cards will be sent home in student backpacks on **Monday, April 4th**. Your child's report card is yours to keep. Please sign the bottom portion of the letter and return it to your child's teacher. If you have any questions about the report card please contact your child's teacher.

5. News from the nurse

With the changing of the clocks and seasonable weather (for the most part) the sun is out and so are kids on bikes. It is important to take

extra caution with the recent weather, as braking while riding may be a little more difficult. It is a good time to review bicycle and scooter safety in general. This includes helmets at all times as well as the proper shoes to manage the pedals. Sneakers are the best choice and provide better control than flip flops, sandals and cleats. In addition, review with your child where they should be riding. Kids under 10 should ride on the sidewalk and avoid the street, remembering that even then, they need to be mindful of people pulling out onto the street from their driveways. It is also good to remind our tech savvy five and six year olds that they should not have their ear buds in, with their iPods playing, while they are riding. Being outside and away from the temptation of video games is one of the rites of spring. Let's celebrate this with safety. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a great web site, www.nhtsa.gov, for more information.

~Jill Wensky, Beal Nurse

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6. Early Release Day on Tuesday, April 5th

There are five early release days built into the 2015-2016 school calendar. These days allow for professional development opportunities for staff to grow in their profession. The fourth early release day is Tuesday, April 5th. Information about the early release schedule is listed below:

-Tuesday, December 8th- Early release

-Tuesday, February 2nd- Early release

-Tuesday, March 3rd- Early release

-Tuesday, April 7th-Early release

-Tuesday, May 5th- Early Release

Early Release days at Beal affect the following programs:

-Full day Kindergarten and Grade 1- 12:30 p.m. dismissal (There will be a three hour difference in transportation times. Please allow extra time for differences in midday traffic patterns.) No lunches are served

on early release days. -1/2 day a.m. Kindergarten- no change in dismissal

-1/2 day p.m. Kindergarten- no school

-After School Care- open for operations beginning at 12:30 p.m.

****Only students scheduled for that day of the week may attend the After School program**

7. Transition to Kindergarten Night

On Thursday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. we will be holding an informational session for all Shrewsbury families transitioning a child into Kindergarten for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. We welcome new families as well as families who have experienced this process before.

8. Upcoming dates and events

Thursday, March 24th- Beal Family Dinner at Shrewsbury High School

Thursday, March 31st- Parent Forum for incoming Kindergarten families- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gym

Tuesday, April 5th- [Early release day](#)

Monday, April 18th- Friday, April 22nd- **No School**- Patriots' Day and April Vacation Tuesday,

May 3rd- [Early release day](#) Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Have a great week!

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